

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 6, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
David Dunn
Will Kappauf
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Chief of Staff
Dr. Nimat Alam, Vice Chief of Staff
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, newly elected board member
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wallace Dunn, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Ector County Hospital District Board Room at Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL AND ECHD BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

Wallace Dunn called roll, and Richard Herrera was absent. His absence was unexcused

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to accept the roll call.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wallace Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

V. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. May 2025 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the May 2025 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – John J. Bailey
- Non-Clinical – Michelle Mendoza
- Nurse – Adrianna Pena

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Net Promoter Score High Performer(s).

- ProCare Cardiology WSMP
- Caitlin Estes, NP

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

IX. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONCURRENT ORDER CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 579 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel presented an order creating a Mental Health Services District for the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center and Russell Meyers, Chief Executive Officer of Permian Basin Medical Center, presented an informational update on the behavioral center.

David Dunn moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Concurrent Order Creating a Mental Health Services District. The motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2025**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, April 29, 2025**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, March 2025**

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 2, FY 2025
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended March 31, 2025
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Culligan Contract Renewal.
5. Consider Approval of Lumens Pulse 120H Holmium Laser with Moses 2.0 Technology Purchase.
6. Consider Approval of Oracle i2iLinks Interface for FQHC Compliance.

Don Hallmark moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

B. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on April 24, 2025 to review and approve five (5) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

Don Hallmark moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

C. Real Estate Committee

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Odessa which would allow them to use the parking lot on 2nd street in return for paving the lot. There are no plans to utilize the property by ECHD at this time. Aaron Smith, Assistant City Manager, addressed the ECHD Board and explained that the parking lot will be paved and used for parking for the police academy. The Odessa City Council will need to approve the Interlocal Agreement as well.

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton, Chief Medical Officer, provided an update on Texas Tech University Health Science Center. This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XIII. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS

A. 2025 Trash Pick-up Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported to the Board that approximately 200 employees showed up to pick up trash along a 3 mile stretch of Hwy 80. The effort resulted in 73 piles of trash with around 10 bags per pile being collected.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. 2025 TPC Quality & Key Performance Indicator

The TPC Quality & Key Performance KPI Update was provided in the packet. Indications are that CMS has been under figuring our calculation.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Impact of Proposed Medicaid Cuts

Included in the packet was a THA article on the Proposed Medicaid Cuts Would Have Catastrophic Impact on Texas. The Federal government is cutting the funding for Medicaid. The cuts will collapse healthcare in the region. MCH is a safety net hospital for the area. Texas did not expand Medicaid, and MCH cannot pass on increased costs to patients.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ector County Assessed Value

The 2025 Estimates of Value from the Ector County Appraisal District were included in the packet. Ector County's overall value increased, while surrounding counties saw decreases.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

E. Bond Rating

Medical Center Hospital's bond rating remains stable with no change from the BBB- rating. Other entities are seeing a reduced bond rating.

This report is informational only. No action was taken.

F. Ad hoc Reports

Included in the packet was a thank you note that was received from an employee expressing thanks for the recognition during Lab Week.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XIV. CONSIDER LIVE STREAMING & RECORDING OF THE ECHD REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Will Kappauf, Board Member, requested to have an item put on the agenda to allow live streaming and recording of ECHD board meetings. After discussion between the members, Don Hallmark moved and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to table the matter. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1, with the nay vote being Will Kappauf.

XV. RECONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT

Bryn Dodd, Board Member, requested to have the nomination and appointment of the District 5 Director put on the agenda for reconsideration. After discussion between the members, Will Kappauf moved to strike the nomination/appointment of Don Hallmark as the District 5 Director, Bryn Dodd seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Will Kappauf - Aye
Kathy Rhodes - Aye
Bryn Dodd - Aye
Wallace Dunn - Nay
David Dunn - Nay
Don Hallmark - Nay

With the vote ending in a 3 to 3 tie, no action was taken on the motion, and the motion failed.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wallace Dunn stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving any of the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072; and (3) Deliberations regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, presented the MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, presented the MCH Lease Agreement.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about the mental health district.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel led the board in discussion amount the insurance brokerage services.

Executive Session began at 6:41 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:06 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XVII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Nakira Nogallogo, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Pain Management Contract.
- Haley Gorke, P.A. – This is a new three (3) year Orthopedics Contract.
- Marco Rodriguez Melo, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Mabel Jimenez, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Infectious Disease Contract.
- Barath Rangaswamy, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Family Health Clinic Contract.
- Donald Davenport, M.D. – This is a new general surgery lease contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal contracts:

- Eduardo Salcedo, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Wound Care Contract.
- Jorge Alamo, M.D. – This is three (3) year renewal of a Occupational Medicine Contract.
- Fouzia Tabasam, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Lakshmi Alahari, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.

David Dunn moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Gutierrez, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Trauma Contract.
- Anissa Romo, P.A. – This is a new three (3) year Trauma Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal contracts:

- Gregory York, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Trauma Contract.
- Peter Wilse, D.O. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Trauma Contract.
- Scott Peterson, D.O. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Trauma Contract.
- Courtney Barner, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Trauma Contract.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

C. Consider Approval of MCH Lease Agreement

Wallace Dunn presented the following lease agreement:

- MCH ProCare - Cardiology – This is three (3) year lease agreement.

Will Kappauf moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the MCH Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

D. Consider Approval of Insurance Brokerage Services

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to award the Insurance Brokerage Services to HealthSure. The motion carried.

XVIII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Dunn", is written over a horizontal line.

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors